

Showing You Care: Internet Style

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The greeting card is a symbol of appreciation towards our friends, family and co-workers. It is only a matter of time that the greeting card become cyber.

From flowers to postcards to greeting cards, the Internet will let us keep in touch with others in a more personalized way than

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words on a computer screen. All that is needed to pick up an online item is an e-mail account and web browsers like Netscape or Explorer.

After filling in the mailing information, the web site prompts the receipt with an e-

mail and the web address to where their flower, greeting card or postcard is.

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www.bluemountainarts.com/
index.html**

From animations to the simple thank you, Blue Mountain Arts Greeting Cards is the most unique online card service. Senders choose from an array of specialty cards including the upcoming Passover and Mother's Day. The greeting cards are pre-written and developed by local artists and poets in the Boulder, Colo. The greeting card service is free to all.

The special holidays like Mother's Day and Hanukkah are added to the web site when the holiday closes in. The animation and music that is added to the cards give the card life that is not possible with a store bought card.

Similar to store bought cards, you can't create you own message into the card.

http://www.iflowers.com

Are you sending that special someone you're stalking flowers constantly? To reduce cost, send the flowers through the phone line. With iFlowers, anyone with an e-mail account can send and receive bouquets, roses and the occasional tulip.

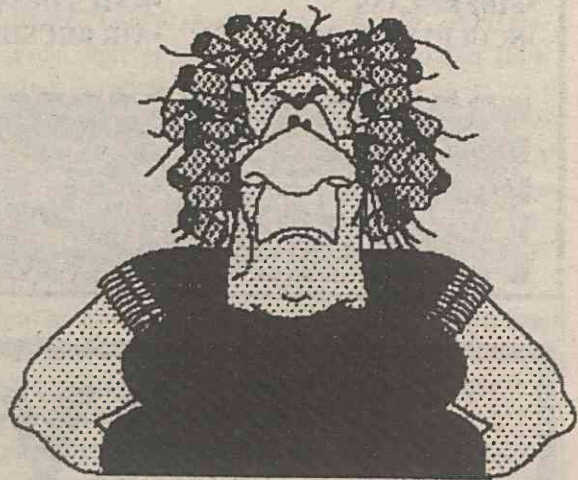
The process is the same as the greeting cards, except you can add your own mes-

sage with the flowers. The pictures are well-arranged real flowers. With iFlowers, the sender can choose from several subjects like Happy Mother's Day to I Would Not Trade You For A B1 Bomber. The flowers are immediately sent and the recipient uses their own password to pick the flowers up.

http://www.all-yours.net/postcard

The Digital Postcard is the most advance form of cyber mailing out there. You get to choose the background music with the postcard, the photo, the background and add your own message. The most remarkable feature on The Digital Postcard web site is that you can upload any image you want to send as a postcard. If you want to send a picture of you to your friends, The Digital Postcard will upload the scanned picture and added it to your personal collection. The web site warns that pictures should be of general interest, not family or private pictures. For international students, The Digital Postcard ranges in different languages including Suomi.

After you have finished the postcard, preview it. During the preview process you can customize your e-mail notification that notifies the recipient, he or she has a postcard waiting and you can ask The Digital Postcard to send you an e-mail immediately when the card is picked up. Very similar to certified mailing at the United States Postal Service. I highly recommend you check this web site out, if not for the features, but for the personal feel The Digital Postcard web site gives to the user.



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Student Tries New Culture

One of the most emphasized portions of our education at Elon is expanding our understanding and appreciation of different cultures.

In learning a foreign language you not only gain a helpful tool of communication, but a window into that country's unique culture, and Japanese is certainly no different.

When you tell someone that you are taking Japanese as your foreign language, the immediate response is normally... why?

When the Japanese classes got together for a cultural excursion to Kabuto Japanese Steakhouse in Greensboro, we found at least

one answer.

The trip to Kabuto gave the class a chance to sample authentic Japanese cuisine, and practice our language skills under the watchful eye of Professor Sumiyoshi. It is one thing to practice your ability to speak Japanese in a classroom environment, it is quite another to put it to use in real-life.

Speaking of learning new things, another bonus of the trip was the opportunity to try sushi for the first time.

While some members of the class were as familiar with raw fish as are sharks, and others decided to stick with the shrimp-slinging chefs at the grill; a small few gathered the courage to sample this well-known part of Japanese cuisine.

The trip to Kabuto exposed us to a different culture and definitely a different cuisine. It helped to further our understanding that different does not mean wrong, and that one should always remain open-minded about new things.

While some classmates at my table had mixed opinions about their sushi, I believe that everyone was pleased that they were brave enough to try something new.

Without trying something new, you'll never find out if you truly like it, and you'll find you've unknowingly missed out on many of life's great pleasures.

The following was written by Elon student Ty Manuel.



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